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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. JOHNSTON, 51st Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5505

File No. 370

Cal. No. 231

***"AN ACT ENSURING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM SYSTEMS."***

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 19a-509 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

4 (a) All hospitals and all nursing homes shall include on their
5 admission forms a question as to whether a person is a veteran or the
6 spouse of a veteran. All hospitals shall include on their admission
7 forms a conspicuous notice that the patient may, upon request, receive
8 a copy of the hospital charges related to the patient. Such admission
9 forms shall also include a conspicuous notice specifying the name and
10 contact information of a person whom the patient may contact to
11 request a copy of the hospital charges related to the patient.

12 (b) All hospitals shall include in their bills to patients, and to third
13 party payors unless previously furnished, an explanation of any items
14 identified by any code or by initials. Upon request by a patient, a

15 hospital shall provide such patient with an itemized bill not later than
16 thirty days after the date of such request. Such itemized bill shall
17 identify, in plain language pursuant to chapter 742, each individual
18 service, supply or medication provided to the patient by the hospital
19 and the specific charge for such service, supply or medication.

20 (c) No nursing home may bill a patient or third party payor an
21 amount for telephone service, community antenna television service or
22 other telecommunications service, which amount includes a surcharge
23 or administrative fee or which otherwise exceeds the amount paid by
24 the nursing home to provide such service."